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English Language

Grade 11

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* Answer all questions.

01) Put in the correct prepositions from the list given within the box, and complete the text.

to	at	for	in	up
about	on	at	of	at

The phone rang (1) Dr. Allen's desk. 'Hello,' she said, picking (2) the phone. 'Dr. Allen here.' Oh, good morning, Dr. Allen,' a voice said. 'It's Jenny Anderson here, Professor Smith's secretary. It's (3) that meeting (4) Monday. You are definitely coming, aren't you ?'

'The meeting. Yes (5) course.' Dr. Allen said, looking (6) her diary. 'It's (7) eleven I see.'

'Well no we had (8) change the time,' Jenny Anderson said. 'It's going to be at twelve. I'm sure I told you.'

'But I've got a lecture at twelve.' Dr. Allen said.

'But surely you can cancel your lecture just (9) once,' Jenny Anderson suggested. 'The meeting's very important, as you know.' 'I've never cancelled a lecture (10) my life,' Dr. Allen told her. 'Sorry !'

(5 marks)

02) Write a short composition on the topic 'My Best Companion'. Use about 50 words.

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(10 marks)

03) a) Form adjectives from the following verbs.

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| 1. hope | | 2. consider | |
| 3. continue | | 4. enjoy | |
| 5. accept | | | |

b) Form nouns from the following verbs

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| 1. agree | | 2. expect | |
| 3. reflect | | 4. read | |
| 5. fail | | | |

(5 marks)

04) Imagine that you met another child of your age for the first time when you participated in the Divisional Level English Day Competition.

Write a dialogue to show how you obtained information and built up a friendship.
You should have only 10 utterances in the dialogue.

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(10 marks)

05) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (2x5 = 10 marks)

Mosquitoes

We find mosquitoes in almost all places in the world. We fear them because of the itchy bump they cause when they bite. Have you ever thought how they find you in the dark? They can't see you but they can smell you. You know that most animals and birds give off carbon dioxide when they breathe. Mosquitoes can sense this gas from 100 metres away. If you do not sweat much, you may not get many mosquito bites. This is because certain chemicals in sweat also attract mosquitoes.

If you are wearing clothes that contrast with the background, mosquitoes can find you easily. If you are wearing a dark dress and sitting in a room with light-coloured walls, they can find you easily. They can also find you sooner if you are moving while wearing those clothes. "Anything moving is 'alive' and therefore full of blood" is perhaps what mosquitoes believe!

Did you know that all mosquitoes do not bite? Only female mosquitoes bite. The female lands on your skin and sticks her 'needle' into you. You do not feel it going in because it is very sharp and thin. She sucks your blood into her abdomen.

After she has bitten you, some saliva remains in the wound. Your body then responds to it. The bite area swells and it begins to itch. After some time, the swelling goes away, but the itch remains for a longer time. The itch stops after your body has broken down the saliva proteins.

To treat mosquito bites, you may wash them with mild soap and water. Try to avoid scratching the bite area, even though it itches. Some anti-itch medicines such as Calamine lotion or creams may relieve the itching. Usually, you do not need any medicine.

Mosquitoes can carry many types of diseases from one person to another. These diseases include malaria, yellow fever, encephalitis and dengue fever.

You can do a few things to reduce the number of mosquito bites that you get while enjoying the outdoors. First, wear clothing that covers most of your body, if temperatures permit. Second, use a mosquito-repellent ointment.

You can also try to control the mosquito population. Mosquitoes need water to breed. So, do not allow any water to stand anywhere in your yard. If you have a lily pond in your garden, stock it with some fish. The fish will eat the mosquito larvae. To prevent mosquitoes from entering your home, make sure that all your windows have mosquito screens.

i) Who among these boys and girls will get more mosquito bites ? underline your answer. (2 marks)

- a) Reny sweats a lot
- b) Ayesha is wearing a dark red T-shirt and sitting in a room with dark red walls.
- c) Sam is sitting quietly, watching TV.
- d) Neha doesn't sweat at all.
- e) Nancy is wearing a white dress and is sitting in a room with dark blue walls.

ii) How many of these statements are true ? (2 marks)

- a) Only big mosuitoes bite.
- b) mosuitoes have very sharp and fine 'needles'
- c) We often feel the mosquito bite after it has bitten us.
- d) The itch stops immediately after the swelling goes away.

iii) Study the information in the boxes. below. Which happens first and which next ? Draw arrows connecting the boxes in the right order as shown. (2 marks)

Stickes its 'needle' into the skin

Sucks blood

The bite area swells

Female mosquito lands on your skin

The swelling goes away

The itch stops after some time

iv) If you do not get mosquito bites, you may be free from diseases such as

v) Give one word answers. (2 marks)

a) Write synonyms for the following words. (2 marks)

i) breed =

ii) contrast =

iii) sense =

b) Find an adverb from the passage

i)

06) Read the poem and answer the questions given below.

Sunday with Dad

A Sunday is so typical
When Dad is around
The morning starts
With a loud TV sound

One groan from my sister
and another from me
doesn't melt his heart
To let us sleep for a minute or three.

Mom tries to catch up
on her wee bit of sleep
for she knows Dad is there
To make a cup of tea

But once we are all up
It all seems so bright,
for that's the only day
When Dad has all the time

- i) Why do the children get upset on Sunday mornings ? (1 mark)
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- ii) Why does the mother decide to get up late ? (1 mark)
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- iii) What makes Sundays so bright ? (1 mark)
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- iv) Do you think children enjoy Sundays ? (1 mark)
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v) Does Dad stay at home on other days of the week too ?

Write the lines that give you the answer. (1 mark)

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vi) Find two pairs of rhyming words from the poem. (2 marks)

a)

b)

vii) Explain in your own words. (3 marks)

a) 'Sunday is so typical'

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b) 'Doesn't melt his heart'

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c) 'Wee bit of sleep'

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